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In re Application of:

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CARBONACEOUS SOLID  
MATERIALS AND HYDROGEN-RICH GASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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-- This application is a 371 of PCT/GB99/01433 filed  
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-14.

Please add the following new claims:

-- Claim 15. A method of producing solid carbonaceous  $C_xH_y$ , wherein x and y are the average number of carbon and hydrogen atoms respectively and the ratio of x:y is greater than 2.5:1, wherein a hydrocarbon fuel comprising bulk feedstock fuel and flame fuel, is heated with oxygen at a C:O stoichiometric ratio